India services and it is only in some exceptional cases that this maximum is raised to Rs. 8 by the Government of India Rules. The request for giving half pension to menials cannot be granted ; but the question of raising the maximum to Rs. 8 will be noted for consideration.

Mr. H. Krishna Sastry.—Government should have some data to fix the pension of menials. Menials have occasions even to risk their lives in the discharge of Government work and it is only fair that the men's services should be adequately remunerated. Government should also take into consideration the conditions of the present standard of living of such people and the pension so fixed.

Mr. A. Ananthaiya.—If as the Dewan was pleased to say, half pension could not be granted to menials, he wished to put before the Government another proposition for consideration. Till the menials reached a pay of Rs. 15, Government may pay the premia due to insure the lives of these menials for a policy of Rs. 300 and when their pay rises to more than Rs. 15 the premia should be required to be paid by the men themselves. At the time of retirement the bonus due on the policy and the gratuity and pension due to the men would go a long way to meet their requirements in their old age. With such facilities, no menial in Government service would think of leaving it.

The Dewan said that that was not possible.

Mr. R. Gopalaswami Iyer.—If Government saw no reason to modify the existing scale of pension granted to peons, Government should, at least, grant the same rate of pension as is given now in the Palace by His Highness the Maharaja and that the existing starting pay should be increased.

The Dewan said that the matter would be enquired into ; but that it was not then possible to grant the request.

SUBJECT NO. 2.

Reduction of pay of high paid officials instead of that of low paid ones.

Mr. Sahukar Veerabhadrappa, Chitaldrug Taluk.

Mr. Sahukar Veerabhadrappa.—The services of many low paid officials have been dispensed with owing to financial stringency, whereas the pay of high paid officers continues to be on the same scale as before and the number of such officers is also increasing. It is prayed that the number and pay of high paid officials may be reduced. Retrenchment is restricted only to ill-paid officials, though the saving effected thereby is very small.

The Dewan said that the inconvenience caused by retrenchment orders was being considered by Government.

SUBJECT NO. 3.

Inclusion in the State Budget of the surplus income of the Bangalore Cantonment.

Mr. H. Krishna Sastry, Krishnarajpete Taluk.

Mr. H. Krishna Sastry.—The surplus income of the Bangalore Cantonment area is not being placed at the disposal of the State regularly. It is therefore requested that arrangements may be made to include in the State Budget a statement of receipts and expenditure of the Assigned Tract, working out the surplus due to the State.

The Dewan pointed out that this subject was dealt with in his Address.

Mr. H. Krishna Sastry said that his request was only for showing surplus revenue to be realised from the Civil and Military Station in the State Budget for the information of the members of the Assembly and that the revenue should be realised regularly year after year without being allowed to accumulate into arrears.